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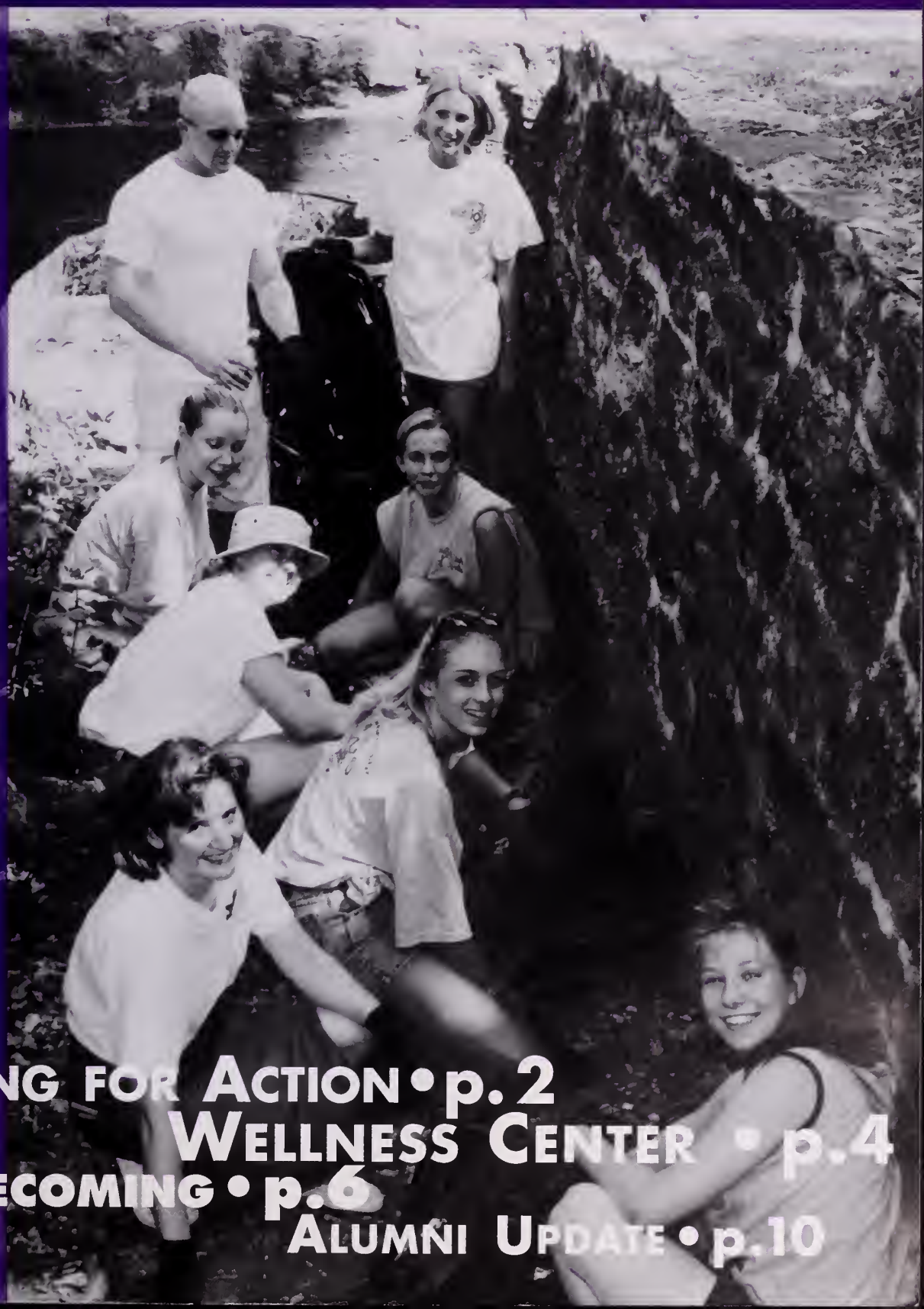
# ACCENT

A MAGAZINE FOR AVILA COLLEGE ALUMNI, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS



The "Avila Community Plunge" was the 2000 first-year student community project. The new students pitched-in to clean up Indian Creek near Watts Mill Park. The cleanup was part of the new-student orientation weekend.

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Avila College is on the Pathway to Success*

Our college has its largest enrollment since 1981. Our residence halls are filled to capacity. The campus has a high energy level. And the best news of all, Avila College has done all this while continuing to provide a quality education with a spiritual approach to life.

To help provide a vibrant atmosphere inside and outside of the classroom, Avila has a number of new programs. The intercollegiate Football Program kicked off this fall with saturation television news coverage throughout the city. Debate and Forensics picked up finalist awards in the Colorado College Debate Classic. Computer Science and Sports Science programs begin next fall.

Enhanced programs include Art and Design, Psychology, Intramurals, and Spirit Squad / Performance Dance Troupe. The Spirit Squad made its debut at the Eagles first football game. The Performance Dance Troupe qualified for the Collegiate National Dance Competition. The excitement of increased enrollment and activities have energized the campus.

Enclosed in this issue of *Accent* is the 1999-2000 Annual Report.

Our heartfelt thanks to our alumni, donors, and friends for your generous support. I hope you had a happy and holy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Thomas F. Gordon

Thomas F. Gordon, J.D., LL.M.
*Interim President*

# Reporting for Action: Football, Spirit Team, Debate

***With the start of the Fall 2000 semester came a new beginning for Avila College — the addition of three new co-curricular programs. Just how have these programs kicked-off the new semester?***

## *Football*

The kind of excitement seen at Avila's first intercollegiate football game hasn't been matched on campus in many years. Head Coach Tim Johnson recruited more than 50 student-athletes for Avila's club season, and fielded a team that turned in a 4-2 record against similar junior varsity programs.

Avila's first win came against Haskell Indian Nations University, with a score of 19-0. With the win came campus and city-wide exposure of the program, along with a large group of new fans.

Next season, Johnson and his staff will recruit an additional 50 student-athletes and compete on the varsity scale in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. And what about future success? "Right now we are building the nucleus. We are working on the basic offense, defense, and kicking game. Starting with a new squad is challenging," says Coach Johnson.

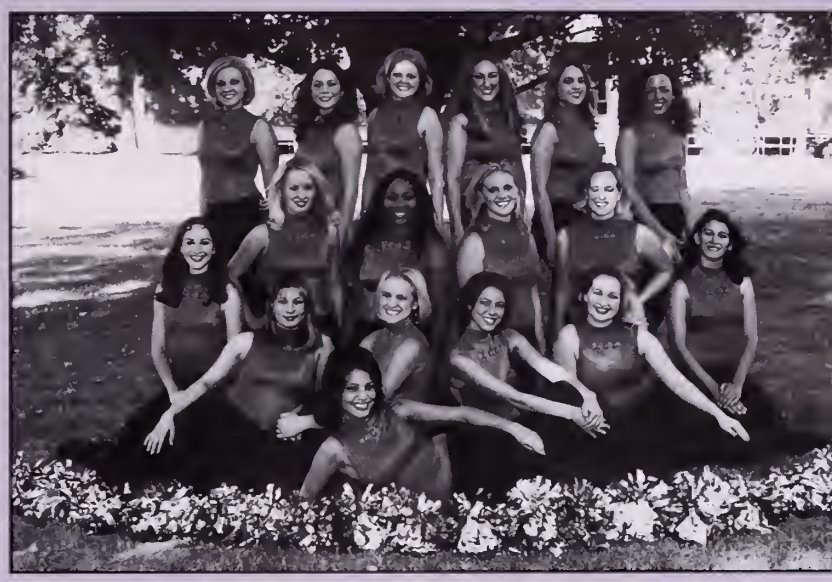
"Even though we are a new program, we still have high expectations and have set our goals high," says linebacker Dave Garner. "We will do the best we can, but that doesn't mean we will win every game. We're not looking for instant success. That's not what we're here for."

**2000 Football team**

## *Spirit Team:*

The Spirit Team was recruited with a full squad of 16. After participating at numerous athletic events and campus gatherings, the team qualified for national competition in its first semester! Add to that charity performances at the Harvester's Toys for Tots events, and Avila can boast a spirit team that is definitely in the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

"They bring spirit to the campus through the cheering and dancing, but their personalities are a bright spot on the campus in every-day life. They keep things moving and are very supportive of the programs even when they aren't cheering," says Cindy Freeman, Spirit Team Coach.



**2000 Spirit Team**

## *Debate:*

The Avila Debate Team has posted a nice amount of success in the fall semester with its first wins at an intercollegiate tournament. On October 26-29, the team traveled to Colorado Springs for the Colorado College Al Johnson Debate Classic. Despite a team flu and a very long drive, the team brought home finalist awards in Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking as well as Parliamentary Debate. Congratulations are given to Carly Daniel, Molly McGregor, Julie Paszkiewicz, and in particular Nicole Kelly on Avila's first tournament hardware. The team expects to continue expanding to a full-size squad, and with a little luck, continue its winning ways!

"There are three reasons why people get involved with this team: it's a wonderful way to gain knowledge, it's a confidence builder for those who are frightened of performing, and bottom line, it's a lot of fun," says Debate Coordinator Kristie Pennock-Delgado. ■

# Alloy Orchestra Presents "Nosferatu"

On October 28, the Alloy Orchestra returned to Kansas City to screen the pre-premier of "Nosferatu" at the Englewood Theatre. Nosferatu is F.W. Murnau's 1922 German silent classic, and is truly the original Vampire movie.

In the absence of sound, most silent movies had some sort of musical accompaniment — from a solo pianist to a small orchestra — written for the movie. The Alloy Orchestra takes this one step further and uses everything at its disposal to create a unique musical experience. For example, the "rack" that Ken Winokur and Terry Donahue play has everything from car springs to bed pans to horseshoes, traditional drums to sheet metal duct work. Add all this to the keyboard work of Roger Miller, throw in an occasional clarinet, vocal or accordion, and you have a feel for the Alloy Orchestra's unique sound to silent films.

**LEFT TO RIGHT**
**Roger C. Miller, Ken Winokur, Terry Donahue**

In 1999, Avila College hosted the Alloy Orchestra at the Englewood for a showing of Fritz Lang's classic, "Metropolis." Avila College, along with The Kansas City Film Maker's Jubilee, brought The Alloy Orchestra back to the Englewood for a "pre-premiere" showing of Nosferatu — the actual "World Premiere" was at Lincoln Center in New York. ■

# Avila College Announces Unique Partnership with AYC Fitness Training

## *Wellness Center Proposed for Campus*

Avila College is pleased to announce a partnership with AYC Personal Fitness Training to raise funds for a Wellness Center on the Avila College campus.

The vision of this exciting and unique project is to create a Wellness Center on the Avila College campus where physical fitness, psychological health and spiritual well-being blend in an educational environment which is unique, tranquil and aesthetically pleasing. The proposed center will offer the latest fitness equipment and facilities, racquetball court, rejuvenating spa, meditation room, child care center, research areas, women's and men's locker room, internet cafe, therapy pool and educational classrooms.

AYC's founder and owner, Mr. Greg Justice, is a recognized authority and consultant in the areas of physical fitness, personal training and holistic well-being — making him an ideal candidate to partner with Avila College in this venture.

The Wellness Center will offer multiple levels of membership designed for diverse individual needs. The facility will be used by the Avila students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding Avila community — including alumni and friends!

All memberships will include a health history and personal profile and orientation to the facility and equipment by a trained staff member. Additional programs include personal fitness training, spa services, wellness education classes and wellness counseling.

Avila College and AYC have pledged their full energy, passion and commitment to the realization of this project. Clearly, however, such a project will require the significant participation of others — leaders who share and will support the vision of Avila and its partner AYC.

For information or to make a donation to the Avila College Wellness Center, contact Mary Ellen Clark at (816) 501-2450, or e-mail ClarkME@mail.Avila.edu. Visit us on the web at www.Avila.edu/wellness.html. ■

**Sylvia Aaron, long-time client and Greg Justice, founder and president of AYC Fitness Training, enjoying the Open House celebrating the partnership between Avila College and AYC.**

**Jeanne Olofson '92, '94, alumna and Avila Trustee, Glenn Haney, AYC trainer and long time AYC Clients Patti and Bill Ritter**

*The Wellness Center will offer multiple levels of membership designed for diverse individual needs.*

# Nursing Department Receives Continuing Accreditation

It is with great pleasure that the Avila College Division of Nursing faculty, staff and students announce that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has granted the baccalaureate nursing program accreditation for the maximum of 10 years. Our accreditation will extend to December 31, 2010. The accreditation team and CCNE acknowledged that we had fully met all four accreditation standards.

The site visitor's summarized their very positive report with these overall observations:

- The mission of the college and department drives the nursing program and all of its components. Further the mission is fully integrated in the goals, objectives and activities of the nursing program.
- Faculty have willingly and collaboratively undertaken major challenges: a revision of the total curriculum and comprehensive self study with emphasis on inclusion of internal and external communities of interest.
- The faculty are commended for their commitment to the future directions in professional nursing and nursing education.
- The faculty dedication to students, program, colleagues and community is noteworthy.

**Thank you to all of our alumni, community, agency and academic partners for their support and participation in the accreditation process.**

CCNE is officially recognized as a national agency for the accreditation of baccalaureate and graduate-degree nursing education programs. CCNE is an autonomous arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the national voice for university and four-year college education programs in nursing. CCNE accreditation provides students, employers, and community partners with assurance that education programs meet the standards that have been established by the professional nursing community.

Thank you to all of our alumni, community, agency and academic partners for their support and participation in the accreditation process. We are proud that the Tradition of Excellence in Nursing at Avila College continues! ■

**Mark your calendars for the 25th Annual Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction.**

Mark your calendars and get ready to bid! The Annual Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction is set for March 31, 2001 at the Fairmont Hotel, Kansas City at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for this exciting auction to benefit student scholarships and other college needs, contact Mary Ellen Fischer Clark '73, Acting Vice President for Advancement, at (816) 501-2450, or e-mail ClarkME@mail.Avila.edu.

# 2000 Homecoming Wrap-up

The following alumni were selected to receive special recognition (from left to right): Stephanie and Doug Helfrich '81, Outstanding Alumni Award, Neil Kelly '84, Past President Award, Sister Marie Joan Harris, CSJ, Ph.D., Honorary Alumni Award, Marylyn Geraghty DeFeo '58, Alumni Achievement Award, and Mona Bush '96, Academic Award. Not pictured, Rick Easley '78, Alumni Achievement Award, Sister Mary Grace Heiner, CSJ, Honorary Alumni, Diane McLaury Anderson '89, Gary Haarmann '95, Dennis Hallblade '93, and Joyce Heimsoth Nelson, Athletic Hall of Fame.

During the annual Heritage Club Luncheon and Celebration, Director of Planned Giving Richard Scott (left) posed with Florence McGregor '51, and Joe Vowells.

The alumni soccer game was a chance for the alumni to dust off their cleats.

# 17th Annual Avila College Golf Classic

The Annual Avila College Golf Classic is sponsored by the Avila College Alumni Association to benefit the scholarship created for the children of Avila alumni who attend Avila. Sixteen students currently receive this scholarship. The event was held once again at beautiful Loch Lloyd Country Club in South Kansas City.

**And the winners were:**

**First place, Championship Flight**
Gary Brown, Randy Culbertson, Max Wuellner, Gary Clifton

Second place
Jim Barnett, Bob Zambri, Ron Gillespie, Bill Wilson

# Where there's a Will there's a way.

Many individuals spend a lifetime accumulating assets but do not plan for their use when they no longer need them. Careful estate planning can prevent this tragedy and a will often is the best tool to accomplish this objective.

Avila's Director of Planned Giving will be happy to work with your attorney in providing the proper wording for making a bequest to the college through your will. **For more information about including the college in your estate plans, contact G. Richard Scott at (816) 501-3727.** ■

# Got Mail?

We've changed our computer system during the past year. Please check your mailing label and the Annual Report for accuracy. If changes are needed, please call (816) 501-3602.

# Kathleen Hegarty Thorne '64 and The Story of Starlight Theater

A reception was held on the Avila campus for author alumna Kathleen Hegarty Thorne '64 (second from right) who discussed her book, *The Story of Starlight Theater*. Also pictured are (from left) Rosemary Engel Fahlstrom, Mary Ann Dunn Crawford '64, and Mary Bien Sharp '64. Kathleen entertained the gathering with memorable moments and funny stories about Starlight Theater. "Starlight Theater is a magical place," says Kathleen.

Starlight Theater is a magical place

# Winter Athletic Schedules

## Women's Basketball

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | 10/28/2000 | Alumni Game | HOME | 2:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 11/04/2000 | Bethel College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 11/11/2000 | Harris-Stowe State College | HOME | 2:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 11/14/2000 | Haskell Indian Nations University | HOME | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 11/16/2000 | Ottawa University | Ottawa, KS | 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 11/18/2000 | Marycrest Int. | HOME | 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 11/20/2000 | Bethel College | North Newton, KS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 11/21/2000 | Central Christian College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 11/25/2000 | Marycrest Int. | Davenport, IA | 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 11/30/2000 | Baker University | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/02/2000 | Missouri Valley College | Marshall, MO | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 12/07/2000 | Evangel University | Springfield, MO | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/09/2000 | Culver-Stockton College | HOME | 2:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/16/2000 | Harris-Stowe State College | St. Louis, MO | 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/04/2001 | Benedictine College | Atchison, KS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/06/2001 | Graceland University | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/08/2001 | Central Methodist College | Fayette, MO | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/13/2001 | Mid America Nazarene University | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/15/2001 | William Jewell College | Liberty, MO | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/18/2001 | Lindenwood University | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/20/2001 | Baker University | Baldwin, KS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/22/2001 | Hannibal LaGrange | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 01/23/2001 | Central Christian College | McPherson, KS | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/25/2001 | Missouri Valley College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/27/2001 | Evangel University | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/29/2001 | Culver Stockton College | Canton, MO | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 02/01/2001 | Benedictine College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 02/03/2001 | Graceland University | Lamoni, IA | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 02/05/2001 | Central Methodist College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 02/10/2001 | Mid America Nazarene University | Olathe, KS | 6:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 02/12/2001 | Haskell Indian Nations University | Lawrence, KS | 5:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 02/15/2001 | William Jewell College | HOME | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 02/17/2001 | Lindenwood University | St. Charles, MO | 1:00 p.m. |
| 2/19/00 - 2/24/01 | | HAAC Tournament | TBA | TBA |
| 3/7/01 - 3/13/01 | | NAIA National Tournment | TBA | TBA |

## Men's Basketball

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | 10/28/2000 | Alumni Game | HOME | 4:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 11/08/2000 | Saint Mary College | Leavenworth, KS | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 11/12/2000 | Columbia College | Columbia, MO | 4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 11/14/2000 | Ottawa University | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 11/17/2000 | Buzz Levick - Luther Bratherhood Tourney | Waverly, IA | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 11/18/2000 | TBA | Waverly, IA | TBA |
| Tuesday | 11/28/2000 | Central Christian College | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 11/30/2000 | Baker University | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/02/2000 | Missouri Valley College | Marshall, MO | 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 12/05/2000 | Ottawa University | Ottawa, KS | 8:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 12/07/2000 | Evangel University | Springfield, MO | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/09/2000 | Culver-Stockton College | HOME | 4:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 12/16/2000 | Emporia State University | Emporia, KS | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 12/17/2000 | Rockhurst University | Kansas City, MO | TBA |
| Thursday | 12/21/2000 | Wide World of Sports Tournament | Orlando, FL | 12:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 12/22/2000 | Wide World of Sports Tournament | Orlando, FL | 12:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/04/2001 | Benedictine College | Atchison, KS | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/06/2001 | Graceland University | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/08/2001 | Central Methodist College | Fayette, MO | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/13/2001 | Mid-America Nazarene University | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 01/15/2001 | William Jewell College | Liberty, MO | 8:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/18/2001 | Lindenwood University | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 01/20/2001 | Baker University | Baldwin, KS | 8:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 01/25/2001 | Missouri Valley College | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
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| Monday | 02/05/2001 | Central Methodist College | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 02/10/2001 | Mid America Nazarene University | Olathe, KS | 8:00 p.m. |
| Monday | 02/12/2001 | Saint Mary College | HOME | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 02/15/2001 | William Jewell College | HOME | 8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 02/17/2001 | Lindenwood University | Saint Charles, MO | 3:00 p.m. |

# Gary Sharpe Named Athletic Director

The Avila Athletic Department is proud to announce that Gary Sharp has accepted the position of Athletic Director. In July, former athletic director Michael Crozier left to pursue administrative softball duties for Johnson County.

Sharp comes to Avila with both administrative and coaching experience at institutions similar to Avila. He has 21 years of experience as an athletic director at the college level, directing programs with as many as 17 intercollegiate sports.

His career path leading to Avila has kept him primarily in the South, most recently at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville.

While his duties in the Athletic Department will not include coaching, Sharp's credentials include coaching the 1986 men's basketball program at the University of Arkansas at Monticello to the NAIA Runner-Up position. ■

# Avila's First Season in the HAAC

Men's Soccer Team

With the first season of competition out of the way for the fall sports, Avila takes a look back at its first season in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC). The HAAC is one of the premier conferences in the NAIA, and the competition level is a step up from Avila's previous conference, the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC).

While the trend in each of the fall sports was downward compared to the 1999 season, one factor overrides each of the sports. The HAAC is a stronger conference from top to bottom.

"We could have days where we play MCAC opponents and have a bad game, but still win. In the HAAC, you can't afford a bad day against a conference opponent," says Jeff Randolph, Women's Soccer Coach.

In pre-season polls for the basketball season, Avila's men's program was picked to finish 10 out of 11 teams, and last year's nationally ranked women's program (pulling in an impressive #1 defensive rank in the nation) was picked to finish 9th of 11.

"With the pre-season rankings, I think it's a matter of respect. You have to earn respect. But, it may work to your advantage, too. As seen by the rankings, many times the old teams in the conference overlook the new kid on the block," says Scott Frear, Avila College Sports Information Director and Assistant Football Coach. ■

| | '99 Overall | '99 MCAC | '00 Overall | '00 HAAC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Men's Soccer: | 13-7-1 | 3-2 | 12-5 | 5-3 |
| Women's Soccer: | 7-11 | 4-2 | 7-8-1 | 1-6-1 |
| Volleyball: | 4-27 | 0-5 | 2-18 | 0-10 |
| Football: | - | - | 4-2* | 3-2* |

* The 2000 season of competition for Avila College Football is a club season, and reflects competition against HAAC junior varsity programs.

Women's Soccer Team

Volleyball Team

# You Can Help Athletics At Avila!

It's an exciting time to be a part of Avila College Athletics! With the introduction of intercollegiate football and a move into the Heart of America Athletic Conference, Avila College Athletics needs your support.

There are many ways to become involved in the athletic program, and each is greatly appreciated by the student-athletes.

One of the best ways you can help is to become a fan. Schedules for upcoming events are posted on the Avila College website, and listed in the Accent prior to each season.

If you would like to support the athletic program financially, the Eagle Club has been restructured to offer more financial levels of involvement and more opportunities for you to be personally involved. The proceeds of the Eagle Club are used to advance the Athletic Department, and will help create a memorable experience for the student-athletes.

Another way to support athletics at Avila is to help build a proud tradition. Nominate an outstanding alumni athlete for the Hall of Fame. Nominees must have made significant contribution to the athletic programs at Avila and a five-year time lapse since their participation in intercollegiate athletics.

For more information on how you can help, contact Nick Totta, Assistant Athletics Director, at (816) 501-3743. And you can follow the Eagles on-line at www.Avila.edu. ■

# Alumni UPDATE

## 1930's

**Rosemary Bain '39** proudly recognizes her son, David Bain, for his recently published book, *Empire Express — Building the First Transcontinental Railroad.*

## 1940's

**Alice Dempsey '45** has been writing for the Chicago Tribune, Golden, and Catholic Register since her graduation from Avila College. She is now working on her writing her first book while spending lots of time with her children and grandchildren.

## 1950's

**Marilyn Kane '50** is enjoying life watching her four children raise her 10 grandchildren. Her granddaughter Siovhan Kane attended college in St. Bonaventure, NY.

**Mary Cerkey '53** has been happily married for 49 years to the same man she met at a Rockhurst-St. Teresa mixer. She has a son who is currently a teacher at the Virginia Military Institute.

**Shiloh Garies '56** former Avila Nursing faculty member is now working part time for Catholic Charities in Kansas City, Kan.

**Bernadine Hoduski '59** is currently chairman for a committee to pass a levy to maintain and support the public library.

## 1960's

**Janice Cowherd '63** has retired from the Research College of Nursing and is presently volunteering with St. Louis Parish, working in health promotion.

**Sarah Reinemeyer '66** has been named Operations Manager of Texaco's Bellaire Data Center.

## 1970's

**Rita Sander '71** is now only about two years away from her doctorate in Nursing.

**Ann Suellentrop '75** took part in the symposium "Costa Rica: Human Development: Challenges and Perspectives for the 21st Century."

**Judith A. Elston '77** joined the Hudson Cook, LLP, firm as a partner.

## 1980's

**Ann Cathcart '82 has a holistic, private** nursing practice and can be reached at www.clearpathtowellness.com.

**James Wright '84** will be premiering in the 1940's Radio Hour at the America Heartland Theater, showing November through January.

**Linda Morris Shaffer '86** is now a member of the Avila Board and works at Sprint.

**Luciann Valenzuela '86** will soon be getting married, and is working on her Masters in Chinese Medicine while she continues as a Nurse Practitioner.

## 1990's

**Terry W. Trafton II '97** earned National Certification and License as a Professional Counselor.

**Julie Lynn Papen Berendzen '98** was married to Bradley Wayne Berendzen on July 8, 2000, in High Point, Mo.

**Jenny Sue Dean '94** was married to Albert Boston Jr. September 7, 2000, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**George Mallon '98** married Susanna Edgington September 9, 2000, in Kansas City, Mo. George is employed with Sprint.

## DEATHS

**Veronica H. Buser '33** passed away on August 8, 2000.

**Barbara DeHaven '50** lost her son, **John Woolridge '75**, alumni of Avila College, but is keeping his spirit alive in her grandson, Sam, who is now in his second year at Avila.

**Kathy Eagan '70** father passed away in November. He was the Mayor of Florissant, Mo., for 37 years.

**Kevin Amey '79** father passed away on August 4, 2000.

**Jean Boogher '84** husband recently passed away.

*Special condolences go out to the family and friends of these alumni of Avila College.*

Visit Avila's website, **www.Avila.edu.**

# Master of Science in Counseling Psychology Grads in the News

Three graduates of the Avila Master of Science in Counseling Psychology program are making an impact in their fields and have been featured by the news media for their efforts.

*"It's good to see our Avila graduates being recognized for making an impact in the world,"*

**Chris McClish '96** is a licensed therapist in Kansas and a clinical counselor and therapist at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He authored an article "Learn about mental disorders to relieve stigma" in the June 5, 2000 "As I See It" column of *The Kansas City Star*. Ingrid Brunett '98 is a Missouri certified elementary school counselor who works at Procter Elementary School in Independence. Her article "School troubles often based on money" appeared in *The Kansas City Star's* "As I See It" column September 25, 2000.

**Pretiss Price '97**, a University of Kansas graduate student, was cited in Monitor on Psychology — 2000 for putting her dissertation on her website, www.AllAboutDepression.com, "offering a variety of information and resources on clinical depression to the general public."

"It's good to see our Avila graduates being recognized for making an impact in the world," says Dr. Frank Yeatman, Professor of Psychology.

And while this future alumnus isn't serving the world in the traditional sense yet, freshman **Brian Worts** had the opportunity to sing at Carnegie Hall during Thanksgiving with the Independence (Mo.) Choir. Congratulations Brian! ■

## Banks wins Writers Place Award

Stanley Banks of the Avila English faculty was honored with "The Writers Place Award" this past November. A non-profit literary arts organization, The Writers Place cited Banks for "his two decades of service as a writer, teacher, sponsor of public events and mentor to young writers." A feature story on the award appeared in the Sunday, November 12, edition of *The Kansas City Star*.

In addition, Banks read his poetry at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on the plaza and at The Writers Place and was featured on Frictionmag.com on-line in October.

## Olympic Torch Bearer

Avila Alumna and Kansas City native Linda Lewis Reaby '67 (Nursing) carried the Olympic torch for Australia on September 6th. Reaby lives in Canberra, Australia, and is a professor of Nursing for the University of Canberra. She was recognized as the 1999 Avila College Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, as well as Australia's Woman of the Year, and has been named to the Order of Australia by the Queen, and named the International Researcher of the Year for Australia.

## One Homeless Night

Campus Ministry chalks up another successful social justice awareness and volunteer program. In a three-part program, students collected clothing donations, worked in soup kitchens, and had the experience of homelessness. It took three van trips to transport all the clothing. The soup kitchen gave 20 of our students the opportunity to interact with Homeless people and families. Finally, in part three, One Homeless Night gave students a feel of what it is like to be homeless for one night by sleeping outside (in the rain) in cardboard boxes. All three elements were well received by the community and opened the Avila community's eyes to homelessness.

## Lisa Ann Sugimoto Named Curator of Thornhill Gallery

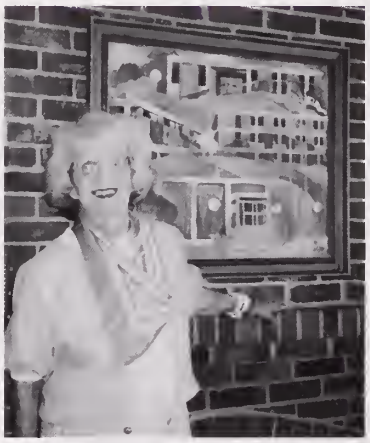
Sugimoto, new curator of Avila's Thornhill Gallery, has been a professor at the college since 1993. She earned a B.F.A. from California State University and an M.F.A. from the University of Kansas. Her main goal as the new curator is to "get people talking about art, whether they are involved in the campus community or not." Thornhill Gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8a.m. to 5p.m.

**In celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Avila College, along with other Sisters of St. Joseph sponsored institutions, received a $100,000 gift from the province.**

**At a Heritage Reception honoring the Sisters of St. Joseph sponsorship, Sr. Paulette Gladdis, Province Leadership Team (center), took time to pose with (from left) Mary Ellen Clark '73, Acting Vice President for Advancement, and Tom Gordon, Interim President.**

# LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

## Dear Fellow Alumni,



**HELEN JANE, STANDING IN FRONT OF A PAINTING OF THE AVILA CAMPUS, A GIFT FROM THE COLLEGE.**

After years of activity on the alumni board and after a time of service in the admissions office at the 5600 Main campus, I am happy to find myself in the service of the college again — this time as Alumni President.

In my service as president, you will probably find that I will refer to the old campus as Windmoor. As many of my schoolmates already know, I am a product of the St. Teresa's campus. On that campus my classmates and I have fond memories of Windmoor Hall. And if you look at the Alumni Events Calendar (and I hope that you will!) you will find the Windmoor Society Gatherings noted. Please join us.

One of my goals as Alumni President is to encourage participation from that Windmoor group. When you return, you will see the exciting, young talent on this campus. It is invigorating to watch our legacy in action! We in that Windmoor group bring a memorable, historical, and philosophical perspective to the table. By watching and participating with this exciting new campus we can infuse the past with the future. I think you'll agree that it will be a memorable and valuable experience for us all!

As an Alumni Association, we still face many challenges. We have a duty to our alma mater to help ensure the success of the many projects we find in this issue of *Accent* — by volunteer efforts, by our financial support, and by our thoughts and prayers.

As president of the Alumni Association, I hope to increase participation in alumni events. To do this, I need your support. I think you'll find that participation is a lot of fun and can be quite rewarding. So make plans now to attend the Annual Avila College Steer Dinner and Auction, or Homecoming 2001, as well as the Windmoor Society Gatherings. I'll see you there!

Sincerely,

Helen Jane Gray Wald '48
Alumni Association President

# Alumni EVENTS Calendar

March 14, 2001 .....Windmoor Society Gathering
March 31, 2001 .....25th Annual Steer Dinner
April 27, 2001 .....Donor Appreciation Barbecue
May 10, 2001 .....Windmoor Society Gathering
May 12, 2001 .....Graduation
May 17, 2001 .....Bridge Marathon
October 5-7, 2001.....Homecoming

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